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ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Request from Northern  
States Power Gas Utility for a Miscellaneous  
Rate Change to Establish a New Area  
Surcharge

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On May 13, 1994, the Commission issued its ORDER APPROVING AND MODIFYING A NEW AREA SURCHARGE TARIFF in the above-captioned docket. In that Order the Commission required Northern States Power Company Gas Utility (NSP) to file annual reports on all projects subject to a new area surcharge and the status of cost recovery for each project. The reports are due on March 1 of each year.

NSP has new area surcharge tariffs approved and in effect for Brainerd Lakes, Baxter, Brainerd, Pine River (the current docket), Glyndon (Docket No. G-002/M-95-519), and Taylors Falls (Docket No. G-002/M-95-443).

On February 5, 1996, NSP filed a request for a time extension until March 22, 1996, to file the reports on these new area projects. NSP representatives explained that the Company is currently immersed in merger-related issues; as a result, Company personnel need the additional time to adequately address the financial information and explanations required in the new area reports. NSP stated that the Department of Public Service had expressed support for the requested time extension.

On February 22, 1996, the matter came before the Commission for consideration.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Commission finds that NSP's request for a time extension is appropriate and should be granted. The additional time should allow the Company to produce complete and helpful reports on the status of its new area projects. No party opposed the time extension and no party should be harmed by the delay.

The Commission will grant NSP a time extension until March 22, 1996, to file its new area

project reports.

**ORDER**

1. The Commission approves NSP's February 5, 1996, request for a time extension until March 22, 1996, to file its new area project reports.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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